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Mmmmm....cookies

Ron Kinworthy, a baker for 31 years, adds the finishing touches to a batch of Christmas cookies at Mrs. Seibold's Bakery on Madison Avenue. Cookies and other baked goods are available for the holiday season.

Mistrial declared in Antonovich case

Defendant accused of stealing \$25,000 from Andy Economy's brass curio cabinet

By Curtiss A. Hartley
Staff Writer

The theft case against Granite City resident Daniel Antonovich ended Friday with a mistrial.

A mistrial was declared at 6:10 p.m. Friday. No further information was available at press time.

In closing arguments earlier in the day, prosecutor Thomas

Nevins told the jury,

"There has been no reasonable doubt raised here. Six witnesses have come in here and testified to the same story I told you three days ago."

"To render a not guilty

"There was no money in that bag, and there was no money in that house when I purchased it."

Daniel Antonovich
Defendant

verdict would be to say that those six people who testified are lying, and why would they put themselves through this?" Nevins said.

However, defense attorney Charles Shaw, of St. Louis, said it's very difficult

to be the defendant in this case.

"If you've been accused of something and you say you didn't do it, then your words are used against you. They say you deny, deny, deny."

Shaw said the witnesses all benefited from the benevolence of the alleged victim of the crime, Andrew Economy, the Venice Township Supervisor and chairman of the Metro East Sanitary District Board.

"All these people who testified for him, he's paid them cash to work for him," Shaw said.

He concluded his remarks to the jury by saying, "It's always said that the state

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City seeks CB radio operators

Emergency center to be set up for Y2K

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

If you're a citizen band radio operator and reside in Granite City, the city's emergency service coordinator would like to see you with your "ears on" for New Year's Eve.

"We're asking CB operators to help us on the 31st. If we can get 100 of them, I'd be tickled pink," said Ray Schultz, emergency service coordinator for Granite City.

Schultz is seeking CB operators to assist the community should telephone service be affected by the arrival of Y2K. Schultz said

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Club prepares for Kwanzaa celebration

SIUE professor explains meaning and origin of African-American holiday

By April Calvin
Staff writer

"Kwanzaa is the shining star of the '60s," said Dr. Eugene B. Redmond, an English professor at the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and East St. Louis Poet Laureate.

The Eugene B. Redmond Writers' Club of East St. Louis met Tuesday night to prepare for the annual

Kwanzaa forum. The meeting, set for Dec. 21, will include a collapsed observance of the rituals of Kwanzaa with readings of a poetic form the club invented, the KwanSaba.

The KwanSaba highlights the seven principles of Kwanzaa. The form is limited to seven lines, each with no more than seven words, each word of no more than seven letters. Members of the group will present one poem to capture the essence of each of the principles, or nguzo.

Kwanzaa, celebrated by an estimated 20 million people worldwide, three quarters of them in the U.S., means "first fruits of the harvest" in Swahili. Much of the terminology of the holiday was taken from that language.

Kwanzaa's origins are disputed. Dr. Maulana Ron Karenga is credited with



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Dr. Eugene B. Redmond explains the observance of Kwanzaa.

creating the holiday, but his adaptation of African traditions and symbolism has led some to say he merely retooled other celebrations.

"It's been African-Americanized," Redmond said.

Kwanzaa is not religious.

It is not political. Instead, it was designed by Karenga to bridge African and American traditions and downplay the commercialism of Christmas. It emphasizes family, self-improvement, community and responsibility.

In a nation still plagued by inequality, Kwanzaa is a celebration of strength and pride by African-Americans whose traditions have long been ignored or marginalized.

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Rios charged with fraud

Accused of billing for unperformed services

A Madison County doctor has been indicted for allegedly billing insurance providers for as much as \$1 million in services authorities say he never performed. Dr. Juan M. Rios, 52, of Florissant, Mo., was indicted by a federal grand jury in Benton

to defraud about \$1 million from various health care programs. The indictment said the alleged fraud occurred between January 1995 and October at Rios'

Madison County office. Rios has offices in both Collinsville at 907 N. Bluff Road and in Bethalto.

Rios was arrested Nov. 10 on a complaint filed by the U.S. Attorney's office. A magistrate judge ordered Rios held on \$3.5 million bond.

Several agencies assisted in the investigation including the Southern Illinois Health Care Fraud Task Force, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, the FBI, the National Insurance Crime Bureau, the Department of Health and Human Services and the DEA.

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Council warns company of injunction

City of Venice notifies American Fiber Comm to begin honest negotiations within 2 weeks

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Venice City Council has told a company planning a pipeline for fiber communications cables under the Mississippi River that if it doesn't begin honest negotiations in the near future, the city will take it to court.

Council members voted that if negotiations have not started by the next meeting in two weeks, City Attorney Casper Nighohossian will seek an injunction against the com-

"It seems to me like we're signing the city away. I'm not too happy with saddling posterity with problems that can't be solved."

Tyrone Echols
Mayor

pany, including having pipeline already installed

on the city property removed.

In September, American Fiber Comm and the city had negotiated an agreement for an easement allowing the company to put in a fiber-optic cable pipeline on city property near the levee.

The easement was not signed, the company took a chance that it would be and started construction on the project. The easement would have been for two 20-year periods.

However, the American Fiber Comm sent back a modified agreement, stat-

ing companies interested in using the service wanted the lease in perpetuity, or forever.

City Attorney Casper Nighohossian said the proposed agreement the company sent back had "substantial" changes.

He said that if the easement was for longer than 20 years, it would require a public hearing.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said he objected on several grounds, including the length of time sought by the company.

"It seems to me like we're signing the city away," he said. "I'm not too happy with saddling posterity with problems that can't be solved."

In other business, the Council approved condem-

nations on six properties: 1019 Calhoun, 1021 Calhoun, 1024 Calhoun, 1129 Bissell, 107½ Baucum, and 1010 Calhoun.

The demolitions will be done by the city of Madison's Street Department, and the cost will be paid out of Madison County Community Development Funds.

Dairy Master to close doors

Madison eatery to shut down after 31 years of service

By Michael Heil
Staff writer

Dairy Master is known for its gorilla burgers. But after Dec. 23, those gorilla burgers will only be memories.

After 31 years of service to the Madison community, Shirley Tretter and her husband, Melvin, have decided to

call it quits. The Tretters will close the eatery's doors eight days before the new millennium.

"We would like to thank our customers and past employees for their support," said Shirley Tretter, who added that the years seemed to "zip by."

The Tretters became the proprietors of Dairy Master, 516 Madison Ave., after purchasing it from their cousins in 1968. They are closing the business, that was established in 1960, because of health reasons and visions of retirement.

Over the years, the Tretters have catered to numerous businesses and plants in Madison and Granite City. Many people have spent countless hours eating at the establishment.

"We've had kids who've

"We would like to thank our customers and past employees for their support. We're proud of our business and what we accomplished"

Shirley Tretter
proprietor

eaten at our place come back with their children, just for the enjoyment of eating here," Shirley Tretter said. "They may have moved from the area, but they haven't forgotten

us." Dairy Master, reminiscent of a bygone era when teenagers populated diners for the sake of slurring shakes and mingling with friends, may look like an unassuming building by those who pass by it.

Inside, however, the counter, lace curtains and lamps, all decorated to the holiday season, produce a cozy and friendly environment.

"We're proud of our business and what we accomplished," said Shirley Tretter, who has been the diner's waitress over the years while Melvin Tretter has been in the back flipping hamburgers and yelling, "orders up."

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Police blotter

Granite City

Mark Francis Huelsmann, 39, of the 2500 block of Jordan, Granite City, was charged Thursday with driving under the influence.

According to a police report, officers were dispatched to 203 Wilson Park about 7:30 p.m. Thursday because of an accident involving a truck and a basketball pole. Officers observed that Huelsmann was angry because he said in the report that the basketball pole "blew into the road and hit his truck." After police allegedly smelled alcohol on Huelsmann, he was given a sobriety test and a breathalyzer test. The breathalyzer test revealed that Huelsmann had a blood-alcohol content of .145. Huelsmann was taken to the police department and was later released after posting \$100 bond.

Charles Lee Jones, 63, of the 2600 block of Whipperworth, Granite City, was charged Thursday with driving under the influence. According to a police report, Jones was involved in a traffic accident about 7:20 p.m. in the 3000 block of Madison Avenue. Jones was given a sobriety test and a breath-

alyzer test after officers allegedly smelled alcohol on Jones. The breathalyzer revealed that Jones had a blood-alcohol content of .116. The legal limit in Illinois is .08. Jones was taken to the police department and was later released after posting \$100 bond.

Freddy Mitchell Endicott, 29, of the 1000 block of Iowa, Granite City, was charged Thursday with driving under the influence. According to a police report,

Endicott was pulled over on West 20th and Illinois Avenue about 10:20 p.m. Thursday. After officers allegedly smelled alcohol on Endicott, he was given a sobriety test and a breathalyzer test. The breathalyzer test revealed that Endicott had a blood-alcohol content of .156. The legal limit in Illinois is .08. Endicott was taken to the police department and was later released after posting \$100 bond.

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Felonies

The following felonies were recently filed in the Third Circuit Court in Madison County:

Doyle Eugene Birk, 36, was indicted by a Madison County Grand Jury Dec. 9 on a charge of aggravated battery for an incident Oct. 31. Birk allegedly choked a police officer that was performing official duties.

Christopher J. Jackson, 21, was indicted by a Madison County Grand Jury Dec. 9 on a charge of unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver for an incident Oct. 8. Jackson allegedly had between 10 and 30 grams of a substance containing cannabis.

Raquel L. Hollenback, 25, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Oct. 1 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Hollenback allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Her bond was set at \$15,000.

Donald R. Houston, 39, was charged with driving while license was revoked for an incident May 26 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Houston was allegedly driving a 1986 Plymouth on McArthur Boulevard in Wood River with no valid license, his license having been previously revoked for the second time. His bond was set at \$10,000.

Barbara Telford, 39, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident June 14 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Telford allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Her bond was set at \$15,000.

Garry R. Layton, 19, was charged with aggravated driving under the influence for an incident Oct. 31 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. Layton was allegedly driving a 1988 Ford Escort on Moro Road in the county, and had a blood alcohol content of 0.08 or higher. He was involved in a motor vehicle accident that caused great bodily harm or permanent disability to another individual. His bond was set at \$10,000.

Danny R. Riggs, 23, and **Jamie D.**

Riggs, 26, were charged with burglary for an incident Dec. 4 by the Madison County Sheriff's Department. The pair allegedly entered a building with the intent to commit theft. Their bond was set at \$40,000.

Donna L. King, 38, and **Stanley K. Tillman**, 40, were charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver for an incident July 29 by the Granite City Police Department. The pair allegedly had less than a gram of a substance containing cocaine with the intent to deliver it to another. Bond for each was set at \$40,000.

Tracey Van Vickers, 34, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Aug. 6 by the Granite City Police Department. Van Vickers allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Larry D. Kerley Jr., 19, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident July 19 by the Collinsville Police Department. Kerley allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Keith A. Hillmer, 36, was charged with retail theft under \$150 for an incident Dec. 7 by the Collinsville Police Department. Hillmer allegedly took three packages of Marlboro cigarettes from the Schnuck's Store in Collinsville. His bond was set at \$3,000.

Jason D. Womack, 20, was charged with aggravated battery for an incident Oct. 15 by the Pontoon Beach Police Department. Womack allegedly caused great bodily harm to another by hitting on the head with a glass bottle. His bond was set at \$30,000.

Craig L. Small, 27, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Feb. 21 by the Pontoon Beach Police Department. Small allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. His bond was set at \$15,000.

Roni L. Whitsett, 23, was charged with theft over \$300 for incidents

between Sept. 11, and Nov. 29 by the Pontoon Beach Police Department. Whitsett allegedly wrote false refunds to herself in the amount of \$4,100.02 while employed as a clerk at Joubert's Amoco, 1301 E. Chain of Rocks Road, Pontoon Beach. Her bond was set at \$25,000.

Vickie E. Williams, 44, was charged with making a false application or affidavit for an incident Aug. 28 by the Illinois Secretary of State's office. Williams allegedly applied for an Illinois driver's license, giving false information about her past record of having a suspended or revoked license. Her bond was set at \$15,000.

Phillip R. Hutchinson, 33, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident May 4 by the Venice Police Department. Hutchinson allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. His bond was set at \$15,000.

Debbie L. Boyer, 40, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Oct. 26 by the Collinsville Police Department. Boyer allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Rebeckah E. Izeman, 19, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Nov. 4 by the Collinsville Police Department. Izeman allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Kenneth S. McCallum, 31, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident April 12 by the Pontoon Beach Police Department. McCallum allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$15,000.

Sheila S. Land, 46, was charged with unlawful possession of a controlled substance for an incident Feb. 6 by the Pontoon Beach Police Department. Land allegedly had less than 15 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Bond was set at \$15,000.

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Obituaries

Joseph Dorris

JOSEPH P. DORRIS, 65, of East St. Louis, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, at Colonnades Nursing Home in Granite City.

He was born July 18, 1934, in East St. Louis. Mr. Dorris was a life-long resident and farmer of Madison County. He was a former member of Immaculate Conception Church in East St. Louis, lifetime 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus 5392 and a member of Madison County Farm Bureau.

He is survived by two brothers, John Dorris of California and Paul Dorris of Cahokia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Anna (Budnis) Dorris and two brothers, Peter and Frank Dorris.

Funeral services were Saturday at Holy Family Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Tom Wise officiating. Burial was in Mt. Carmel Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorials may be made to Holy Family Catholic Church in the form of Masses.

Michael Duncan

MICHAEL LEE DUNCAN, 42, of Pontoon Beach, died at 6:48 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6, 1999, at his residence.

He was born Aug. 27, 1957, in Edwardsville. Mr. Duncan served in the U.S. Army.

He is survived by a sister, Debbie Johns of Florissant, Mo.; Tiana Darling, Herbie Johns Jr. Shirley Paschke, Therman and Mary Brooks, Larry and Elton Brooks and Albert and Joyce Walker.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herschel Roy Duncan and Frieda Mae (Brooks) Duncan and twin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Margaret Johnson

MARGARET JANE (ARNETT) JOHNSON, 69, of Maryville, died at 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, 1999, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Dec. 12, 1929, in Salem, Mo. Mrs. Johnson was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Carol Edwards Johnson, whom she married Aug. 30, 1947. Other survivors include three daughters, Brenda Simmons of Carlinville, Barbara Hughes of Bowling Green, Ky., and Deborah Lamb of Paris, Tenn.; six brothers, Buddy Arnett of Salem, Mo., Howard Arnett of California, Donald and Frank Arnett, both of Oklahoma, Tommy Arnett of Belleville and Ronnie Arnett of St. Charles, Mo.; a sister, Peggy Riley of Granite City; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents Vernon D. and Anna D. (Leonard) Arnett and two brothers, Paul Arnett and Bobby Arnett.

Funeral services were Friday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary in Granite City with the Rev. Bill Davidson officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Kathryn Martin

KATHRYN LUCILLE "TRIX" MARTIN, 90, of Pontoon Beach, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

She was born Aug. 24, 1909, in Eminence, Mo. Mrs. Martin worked for the Melvin Price Support Center and Granite City Press Record. She was a charter member of Pontoon Beach Baptist Church.

She is survived by two daughters, Maxine Green of Pontoon Beach and Marilee Verdu of Millstadt and 10 grandchildren; Rebecca Green, Tommy Green, Roybn Campbell, Troy Verdu, Pamela Mueller, Tim Verdu, Lisa Carpenter, Janet Bertelman, Carol Turner and Drew Verdu.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas A. Martin; her parents, William and Anna (Myrick) Tucker; eight brothers, Carl, Fred, Ted, Harry, Jack, Donald, Leon and Lyman Tucker; two sisters, Nell Rickett and Helen Alt and a grandson, Jimmy Green.

Funeral services were Saturday at Pontoon Beach Baptist Church with the Rev. Kevin Kerr and Aigis Rodden officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Ruby McCrea

RUBY NORMA MC CREA, 71, of Granite City, died Wednesday, Dec. 8, 1999, at Maryville Manor.

She was born July 3, 1928, in St. Louis. Mrs. McCrea was a homemaker. She was of Roman Catholic faith.

She is survived by three sons, Maynard McCrea of Granite City, Norman McCrea of Glen Carbon and Anthony McCrea of Dixon; seven daughters, Mary Lantar of Chicago, Patsy Cherry of Ottawa, Lois Thompson of St. Cloud, Fla., Rachel Clutte of Collinsville, Myrna Pongphaphan of St. Louis and Julie Kuehnell and Ava Dreisbach, both of Granite City; 20 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marion Harry and Ruby L. (Rice) Gibson and two brothers, Norman Gibson and Buck Gibson.

Funeral services were Saturday at Werner-Mick Funeral Home in Granite City with the Rev. Henry Crippen officiating. Burial was in St. John Cemetery in Granite City.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Madison County.

Helen Rickert

HELEN VIRGINIA RICKERT, 87, of Granite City, died at 6:55 p.m. Wednesday at Hitz Memorial Home in Alhambra.

She was born May 22, 1912, in Granite City. Mrs. Rickert was a homemaker. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by two sons, Frank Rickert of Granite City and David Rickert of Troy; three daughters, Virginia Turner of Camdenton, Mo., Eleanor Sellers of Granite City and Peggy Thyer of Bunker Hill; 16 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Adolph "Skinny" Rickert; her parents, David and

Eleanor (Murray) Foster; a sister, Audrey Murray and a great-grandson, Bill Dunaway.

Funeral services were Saturday at Pontoon Baptist Church with the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Edwardsville.

Werner-Mick Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to the Diabetes Association.

Ruth Tatum

RUTH (MC LAIN) TATUM, 84, of Collinsville, died at 1:25 a.m.

Monday, Dec. 6, 1999, at Collinsville Care Center.

She was born June 10, 1915, in Silver Lake, Mo. Mrs. Tatum worked for Brown Shoe Company in St. Louis for 30 years.

She is survived by a son, Bob Tatum of Granite City and a granddaughter, Deanna Tatum of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Grady Tatum and her parents, Harry and Clara McLain. Irwin Chapel in Granite City handled the arrangements.

Vincent Barbarotto

VINCENT J. BARBAROTTO, 82, of St. Ann, Mo., died Friday, Dec. 10, 1999, at his residence.

He was born March 22, 1917, in Maryville. Mr. Barbarotto was a restaurant buyer.

He is survived by his wife, Lucy (Todor) Barbarotto; daughters, Faye Galemore, Dee Bayer, Pat Cooper and JoAnn Lazetera; a brother, Anthony Barbarotto of Maryville; seven grandchildren and

two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Antonino and Fara (Manzella) Barbarotto and a son, Vincent Barbarotto Jr.

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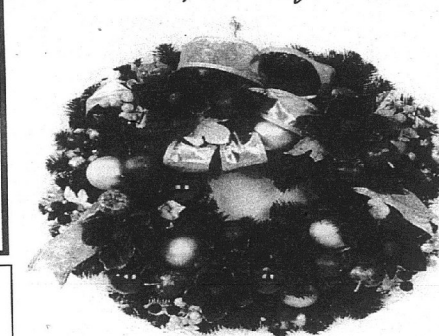
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By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A new Mississippi River bridge and Scott Air Force Base were two of the subjects on the minds of local business leaders during a meeting with U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald Wednesday in Collinsville.

Fitzgerald spoke at a meeting of the Leadership Council Southwestern Illinois. After that meeting, he went to East St. Louis for

a news conference on a bill dealing with electronic food stamps, and later, read to children at a daycare center. After a short talk about the budget, Fitzgerald took questions from the audience.

The first question dealt with the new Mississippi River bridge.

While engineering and land acquisition funding has been approved as part of the 1998 transportation act, no money has been approved for the actual construction of the \$500 million plus project.

Fitzgerald said that a new transportation bill will be considered in 2004, and local leaders need to be ready to ask for construction funds, and should also be working to line up local matching

funds.

He also said that there is a possibility that more money will be available for transportation projects at that time.

People asked about Scott Air Force Base, the Charles Melvin Price Support Center, and a new round of base realignments and Closure Commission hearings.

Fitzgerald said Congress overwhelmingly rejected a call for a new round of base closings this year, but said leaders "need to be constantly vigilant."

He also noted the movement of the 126th Air Refueling Wing has strengthened Scott's position, but also said the federal government has been known not to

consider the amount of money it has invested in projects.

He cited a Veterans' Administration hospital near Chicago that was renovated for more than \$100 million, then recommended for closure.

"(The government) is not always going to operate in an intelligent manner," he said.

Fitzgerald also said he would support plans to transfer the Price Center to the Tri-City Regional Port District if the U.S. Army decides to close the base.

A decision on that matter is expected by late January.

Other questions dealt with a proposal by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reexamine proposals to build levees in St. Charles County.

Don Miller of the River Bend Growth Association said his association opposes the plan that would protect farmland in Missouri at the expense of populated areas in Illinois from Grafton to Granite City.

Fitzgerald also said he wanted to see a change in environmental liability laws to allow better development of brownfields.

Brownfields are former industrial areas that have been abandoned. In many cases, they have some level of contamination, making it very risky for a company to come in and develop the property. Locally, the largest brownfield areas are the old industrial sections in and near East St. Louis and the riverfront.

"The challenge in getting this property redeveloped is quite great," he said.

He said that if the liability issue could not be addressed, at a minimum there should be some kind of tax breaks for brownfield developers.

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Letters to the Editor

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State welfare fix needs some help

By Chris Willis

It's hard to imagine what would be more frustrating to a mother waiting anxiously for a check from the state than an overdue child-support check: that her check is late because of government "efficiency" efforts or that the government could have foreseen the problems.

Both are true in the case of Illinois' woeful efforts to change the way it delivers support checks.

The change was required by the federal government in hopes of making it easier to locate parents who move from state to state, skipping out on their child-support obligations.

Congress ordered each state to create a central processing office to take over work that had been done by the circuit clerk in each county. Checks mailed directly from one parent to another would not be affected, but this central office would handle all checks to parents on welfare or deducted by a court order from someone's salary.

Illinois, the bureaucrats say, had no choice but to adopt this "improvement" or lose federal welfare money. And so, on Oct. 1, Illinois' new State Disbursement Unit began receiving child-support money.

Getting that money out to the children proved more complicated, however. Tens of thousands of checks have been delayed, many by weeks.

People such as Colleen Richardson and her 8-year-old son, Drew, are the ones who have suffered.

Checks to help pay the cost of raising Drew used to reach her in four days. Lately they've been taking two weeks or more and Richardson was forced to turn to her family for help.

"Right now, they help pay part of our bills. If it wasn't for them, I couldn't make ends meet," she said earlier this month.

"They are very supportive and very helpful. They just don't want to see us end up being homeless. But on the other hand, my son is not their responsibility. He is my husband's."

The state Public Aid Department has struggled to work its way through the backlog while simultaneously teaching businesses and circuit clerks how the new system is supposed to work.

The department could have known such problems were possible and planned accordingly.

Illinois was not the first state to open a central processing office or a related statewide computer net-

work, and several of the other states have seen similar trouble.

Nevada has seen the price of its computer system balloon from \$22.6 million to more than \$100 million, in the process delaying thousands of support checks.

Hawaii had such problems with its computer system that angry parents filed a class-action lawsuit seeking interest on the late payments.

Others, from Alaska to North Dakota, have had related problems and several states are encountering them now.

True, delays caused by a faulty computer system are not exactly the same as Illinois' troubles with a centralized processing office.

But the result is the same: late checks.

Those other states offered multiple examples of the need for careful preparation and back-up planning. They showed how people's lives could be thrown into chaos by a few well-intentioned decisions made hundreds of miles away.

Yet circuit clerks describe helter-skelter preparations in Illinois: murky directions, computer systems being installed and then replaced, requests for information that already had been provided.

A few other states, meanwhile, centralized their child-support programs years ago and might have some advice on how to reduce problems.

A spokeswoman for the Illinois Public Aid Department said she knew of no research into other states' experience with centralizing child-support computers and processing.

Now the department finds itself making emergency payments to cover checks it hasn't delivered, with the total \$7 million and climbing. And trying to make sense of the 20 percent of checks that come in without proper information. And training circuit clerks on the new system while the system is in turmoil.

A couple of the more famous fiascos in American history are "The check is in the mail" and "We're from the government and we're here to help."

Now thousands of Illinois families are encountering both at once.

Chris Willis is the Illinois State-house correspondent for the Associated Press. The preceding column, provided by the Illinois Press Association, does not necessarily reflect the opinions of the association or this newspaper.

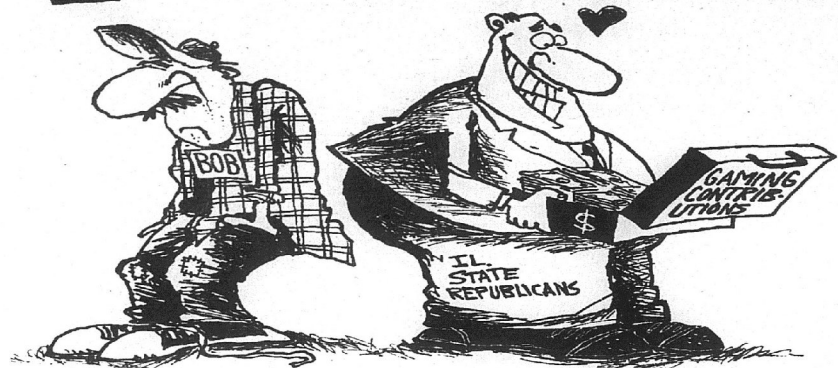
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Letters to the editor

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JOSEPH BERG
Illinois VFW, Director of public relations
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IDOT brings overkill

TO THE EDITOR:

I looked up the word "overkill" in the dictionary and it said, "SEE IDOT." To give you a specific example, they recently added turn lanes on the Belt Line by the Architectural Associates building near Illinois 197 in Collinsville. To those of you who are familiar with this area, I don't dispute that we needed something done there. A lot of accidents occurred on that bend because people could not see who was turning just around the corner. My shock came when I discovered to what great lengths IDOT went to when they decided to add these turn lanes.

I called IDOT and if you've never done this before, it's a nightmare. It's a classic case of the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing. Eventually, I stumbled upon the engineer who is currently overseeing the project (there's a second engineer on site). I spoke with Ted Nimsky who, I must say, quietly listened while I complained (very

loudly) about all of the trees they took out to add turn lane. Even he remarked after having called up the drawings, "That is a lot of trees." Specifics on this project included: One acre of area disturbed (that's IDOT's word); I'd use one like "destroyed" as well as 500 inches (in diameter) of trees removed.

Overall, my main complaint is that IDOT did not (and usually does not) take into consideration the local landscaping. Surrounding that bend, we have two apartment complexes which have taken great care in preserving the trees and also the Architectural Associates building which is absolutely beautiful; and it, too, is surrounded by trees. So, in comes IDOT to do their overkill. I should let you know that employees of IDOT are famous for letting people know they do have to re-plant trees when they move them. On this particular project alone, remember, they removed 500 inches of mature trees and they will re-plant 22 trees that are 5 to 7 feet tall, 20 to 30 feet apart. Let's say that these trees are a whopping 3 inches in diameter. That means IDOT will have re-planted 66 inches of means IDOT will have re-planted 500 inches of them!

The real significant part of this is that they take out old-growth hardwood trees and replace them with soft wood trees like Poplars or Pines that grow quickly and have a shorter life cycle, but aren't as substantial. And this is just ONE EXAMPLE!

Nimsky did add that, due to new safety regulations from the government, IDOT is supposed to remove as many guardrails as humanly possible because they are a safety hazard. So, IDOT also changed the edge of the road from dropping directly down to something that slopes outward. In all of the 15 years that I've lived here, I have never heard of anyone catapulting over that guardrail. Have you? I also know that there are exceptions made to that regulation depending upon the landscaping, buildings, etc. The simply choose not to make an exception in this case.

If you feel compelled to explain to IDOT that we are interested in maintaining the beauty of our community, that they cannot simply come in and destroy it piece by piece (using OUR money to do it), for that is exactly how communities lose their greatness, in little pieces, then I suggest you write directly to: Jim Easterly of IDOT, for he is the District Engineer or call Mike Prichett at 366-3151. If IDOT hears enough complaints from the very citizens who pay for their salaries, they might

just develop a little common sense. Then again, stranger things have happened.
CAROLYN CARTER
Collinsville

Flowers were thoughtful

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank Boy Scout Troop 48 for placing flags on veteran's graves in St. John's Cemetery on Veteran's Day. It was a wonderful gesture.

It was comforting to families to know that the veterans were remembered.

A special thanks to Scott Kusmierzak for all the research he did.

We live in a wonderful country and the veterans helped to make this a free nation for all of us.

I'm sure many veterans were smiling down on these scouts and saluting them.

LUCILLE FIELD
Collinsville

Where were the crowds?

TO THE EDITOR:

I stood with reverence among the sparse group on Veteran's Day at the Greater Granite City War Memorial Park paying tribute to our honored dead and all of those who served our great country.

My brother's name, Jack Gray, killed in Italy during World War II, was listed on the memorial. Some of the brave, courageous, survivors of those wars stood at attention with tears in their eyes remembering loved ones and buddies.

But where were the crowds who gather at football and soccer games and malls? Could we not have had a better showing of respect for these proud veterans? Would it have expected too much to have that section of Niedringhaus Avenue blocked off for that brief time and not have the speech, Anthem and prayer almost drowned out by traffic noise?

I would like to publicly thank everyone for their sacrifices, without them, we wouldn't have a country. Thanks to all who organized and took part in this meaningful service. Next Memorial and Veteran's Day could be the main thought for that day at least be — "Lest We Forget."

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Share the Lord's gifts with others by putting hidden talents to use

There is a Bible verse that says, "To whom much is given, much is required." If God has given you the ability to recognize the greatness of His mind and understand the infinite wisdom of His word, then He requires you to become a lighthouse, a beacon to the world. Jesus said, "No one lights a candle and puts it under a bushel."

What have you done with what He has given you? You must live the very highest life you know how to and share the joy of your faith. You must be brave enough to stand on the promises of God who says, "All things are possible to those who believe."

God gives a multitude of blessings, but we must be aware of the unique talents He has given us. Right now, be perfectly honest and do not underrate yourself. You have a marvelous gift bestowed upon you. It may be a visual gift, an aptitude for the arts, a flair for the scientific or a heart full of compassion or empathy.

A New You



Catherine Galasso

The great Creator generously gave a special gift to every individual. To whom much is given, though, much is required. The gift granted to you must be extended to others. A talent concealed soon withers away. If you are not aware of your unique gift... this is the day of discovery. Write down a list of your abilities, including those of your

spirit. Now, underline those things that are most appealing to you. Next, make a list of ways you can express these gifts to others.

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at the bottom of the picture. Physical prowess can be a great encouragement for the Special Olympics games. Gifts of compassion and empathy can be used to telephone shut-ins or do volunteer work at a hospital.

Nkenge Hook wrote via e-mail, "There is a great measure of joy in your life when you serve other people. I find joy when I volunteer at my mother's job, an elderly home. I specifically visit those clients who do not have anyone who comes to see them. My heart is content when I see the glow on their face because they are grateful that someone took the time out to see them."

You have been given a gift—find it. It's a treasure to be given to the world.

is dropped into the ocean and the countless rings that are formed from its beginning that are constantly getting bigger and bigger," wrote Sister Helen Eugenia of Worcester, Mass.

One day your creator may ask, "What have you done with that glorious talent in your heart I have given to you? Did you give it out to others?" So, begin your journey now. As one of my favorite quotations say, and it is absolutely true, "If I do nothing, there is nothing for God to bless."

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Randy's Restaurant in Troy burns to ground

By Barbara M. Cope
Staff writer

The remains of Randy's Restaurant were smoldering Thursday morning as employees surveyed the scorched brick hull.

"I was looking forward to the holiday season and making some big bucks. Instead, we sat in the back parking lot and cried," said Lynn Sonnenberg, who was tending bar when the fire started about midnight. "We watched the whole thing. Within two hours, I'd say it was 90 percent down."

Little remained of the restaurant, which was owned by Carol and Randy Ackerman of Marine. A 100-year-old bar complete with brass foot rail, saved from destruction when the Ackermans bought it from a Bend tavern about to be demolished, now stands with an industrial-sized air conditioner straining its charred surface.

Soaked and sooty, the red curtains made for the restaurant by Carol Ackerman's mother still hang next to windows blown out during the fire. A red velvet bow tied on what was once a hanging light fixture reminds visitors that Christmas parties held annually in the downstairs banquet rooms are as gone as the ghost of Christmas past.

"Everything's ruined," said Sonnenberg, who has worked at Randy's for 17 years. "There's four feet of water in the banquet rooms, and all of the paperwork on the banquet has been destroyed. We can't even call anyone to cancel them." With last call just 30 minutes away, only about 10 people were in the bar when the fire started. Sonnenberg said a "funny smell" prompted the general manager to double-check that all the grills and fryers had been turned off when the kitchen closed at 11 p.m. At that time, the man-



Lenny Rakers removes some of his video games from the burned out Randy's Restaurant Thursday Afternoon.

ager saw no signs of anything amiss, but minutes later a customer walked back into the bar to sound the alarm.

"He said there were flames shooting through the window (where food is

passed from the kitchen to the servers)," Sonnenberg said. "I picked up the phone and called the fire department, then we went outside. I didn't even stop long enough to grab my coat."

Although authorities have

not yet established the cause of the fire, Sonnenberg suspects that it had been burning inside the walls when the manager checked the kitchen equipment. By the time the group made it outside, a ton of smoke was pouring out of the vents, she

said.

Troy Fire Chief Jim Hampton said the restaurant is a complete loss. He said the fire was well under way when firefighters arrived at 12:15 a.m.

"We determined we would enter from the back door and encountered heavy smoke and flames. We made an initial hit and knocked it down a couple times, but the fire had spread to the attic already, and the roof was about to collapse," Hampton said.

With assistance from Collinsville, Glen Carbon, Maryville and Marine, no other property was lost and no one was injured. Arson is not suspected, Hampton said, but the Illinois State

Fire Marshal office continues to investigate.

The Ackermans built the restaurant in 1981 after another fire destroyed a bar they had owned in Highland called The Depot. The value of the loss has not been determined, but along with the building and equipment, Randy Ackerman housed part of a valuable collection of sports memorabilia there.

An estimated 50 employees are without work as the holidays approach.

There was much speculation about whether the Ackermans would rebuild on the site, but efforts to contact them were unsuccessful.

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SIUE obligated to issue parking refunds

Faculty and staff to receive parking fee refunds; decision stemmed from University failing to negotiate

By Deborah L. Bates
Staff writer

Faculty and staff members at SIUE will be receiving parking fee refunds after the Illinois Supreme Court refused Wednesday to get involved in a long-standing

union dispute. The court refused to review a controversial parking fee case between Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and union members, leaving the university obligated to issue partial refunds to members of the bargaining units. The original ruling said

we should 'make whole' those unit members who have purchased parking stickers," said Keith Nichols, spokesman for the university.

About 350 employees are members of the Illinois Education Association professional staff and technical staff bargaining units. Administrative services is busy compiling lists of those members who purchased parking stickers in the 1996-97 and 1998-99 school years. There was an increase of \$20 each year that should be refunded to the union members.

Parking fees for students, faculty and staff could increase in the future

"The original ruling said we should 'make whole' those unit members who have purchased parking stickers."

Keith Nichols
University spokesman

because of this decision, university officials said.

The case began earlier this decade when the IEA asked the Illinois Education Labor Relations Board to rule on the university's decision to raise parking fees without negotiating with the union. The university administration argued that they had the right to increase parking fees without negotiating with the union.

The IEA said because most of the employees drive to work, parking fees are a

condition of employment and must be bargained. The Illinois Labor Relations Act dictates that it is mandatory to bargain over conditions of employment. The labor relations board and an appellate court both ruled in favor of the IEA.

A university-issued press release said that union leadership stated in the board hearing that its goal was free parking.

Mike Cook, one of the union's representatives in this issue, said that statement was one of several factual errors. He said that while free parking would be nice, that was never a union goal.

"It's typical of the mean-spirited attack we've come to expect from this administration," Cook said.

Cook said university officials seem eager to jump on the issue of fairness, and to imply that employees and union members are not willing to pay their fair share.

"That's absolutely false," Cook said.

Bob Vanzo, SIUE's direc-

"Everyone who enters the parking lots should pay their fair share, and the IEA leadership is attempting to make others pay their members' share."

Bob Vanzo
Director of administrative services

tor of administrative services, said that, by law, costs associated with parking cannot come from state taxpayer dollars. The money needed to repair and maintain parking lots comes from parking fees that were increased in order to fund much-needed repairs and provide for maintenance.

Vanzo said he was disappointed that the issue had

entered the judicial system. He said university officials do view the parking issue as one of fairness.

"Everyone who uses the parking lots should pay their fair share, and the IEA leadership is attempting to make others pay their members' share," Vanzo said.

Vanzo also said that a university parking and traffic committee, which has IEA representatives, was aware of the changes in fees. He said the committee held open meetings with many campus groups to make everyone aware of the need for increases and to allow them to voice their concerns.

Cook said that the IEA is actually not represented on the committee. "There are professors and civil service members on the committee, but they do not sit on the committee as representatives of the IEA or any of our locals," Cook said.

Cook said he looks forward to discussing the issue during collective bargaining sessions.

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Club prepares for Kwanzaa

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Umoja (OO-MO-JAH)-unity-of family, community, nation and race;
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CHA-GOO-LEE-YAH)-self-determination-of oneself and of one's family and community.

Ujima (OO-JI-MAH)-collective work and responsibility-to create a sense of connection within the community and to past, present and future.

Ujamaa (OO-JAH-MAH)-cooperative economics-emphasizes collective eco-

nomie strength and encourages work ethic for financial stability.

Nia (NEE-YAH)-purpose-encourages goal-setting.

Kuumba (KOO-OOM-BAH)-creativity-for the improvement of the self and community.

Imani (EE-MAH-NEE)-faith-represents investment in the struggle for equality.

One principle is recognized on each of the seven days of Kwanzaa that runs from Dec. 26 through Jan. 1.

"I live by Kwanzaa year round," Redmond said.

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Mistrial declared in Antonovich case

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wins when there's an honest and just verdict. Nobody loses when an honest and just verdict is returned."

The defendant had taken the stand Thursday to adamantly deny that there was any money in a small cloth pouch atop a brass curio cabinet that was being moved from a house he had recently purchased.

"There was no money in that bag, and there was no

money in that house when I purchased it," Antonovich told the jury.

The prosecution's case was that Antonovich purchased a home in Madison from Richard Andrews in November 1998. Andrews had purchased the house from Andrew Economy only seven months before.

Economy sold the house to Andrews fully furnished, with the understanding that a Grandfather Clock and a brass curio cabinet, as well as some stained glass, a pool table, a commercial air con-

"There was no money in that bag, and there was no money in that house when I purchased it."

Daniel Antonovich
Defendant

pressor and an antique street lamp still belonged to

Economy. Andrews then sold the house to Antonovich, again fully furnished. Antonovich wanted to keep the brass curio cabinet, but Economy refused, and due to their longstanding friendship, it was agreed the curio would be moved to Economy's new house.

According to trial testimony, when Antonovich and three mutual friends went to move the curio cabinet, a cloth pouch slid off the top. Prosecution witnesses claim that the pouch was full of

money, and that Antonovich quickly grabbed it and disappeared into the kitchen, returning a few minutes later to toss the empty bag into the curio cabinet.

On the witness stand Antonovich said he did not take any money from Economy. "I did not grab any money. I did not grab the bag. It was handed to me by Mr. Van Vleet," he said. Charles Van Vleet was one of the three friends helping to move the cabinet.

Antonovich said when he

bought the house from Andrews, he was told that he owned everything in it except two slot machines. He said Andrews told him, "Everything else is yours-no exceptions."

Antonovich's attorney produced a real estate sales contract for the house that showed the house was sold to Antonovich along with the furnishings.

He also showed a receipt for \$10,000 for the contents of the house, signed by Richard Andrews.

Radio operators sought by emergency services office

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CB operators would be stationed throughout the city so citizens would be able to contact the operator in their area using the Channel 9 frequency.

"Our emergency operations center will be in the basement of the police department, equipped with backup generators in case of a power outage," Schultz said. "It will be manned from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. or longer if necessary, ready to take their calls."

Those who would like to help can call Schultz at 779-4401 or at 877-3157 and leave their phone number, name and address. Schultz said he and other city officials believe the Y2K bug is more fiction than fact, but have been working indefatigably to make sure the community is Y2K compliant and to iron out contingency plans in case computer glitches do arise.

"I believe we're more than

"I believe we're more than ready, but we're not taking any chances."

Ray Schultz
Emergency services coordinator

ready, but we're not taking any chances," Schultz said. "We've been working on this since March."

In case of an emergency, the police department will be used as a heat shelter, as well as schools in the district, the Brown Recreational Building and the township hall.

In addition, Schultz said the police department and its 911 systems are Y2K compliant, the fire department will have extra staff and will have a water tanker on hand in case of water pressure loss. Police services will be backed up with a

six-cylinder diesel generator, a 500-gallon fuel tank will be on hand at the police department and the city's advanced warning system has a battery backup system.

Despite the city's preparedness, Schultz said citizens should prepare for Y2K as they would for a winter storm. He advises them to have a portable battery operated radio on hand and three days' supply of canned foods and bottled water.

"People shouldn't take this lightly," Schultz said. "It's better to get the necessities and play it safe."

Y2K is in reference to computers malfunctioning as clocks tick over to the new millennium because they will not be able to differentiate between 1900 and 2000 due to the double zeros associated with those years. Consequently, governmental agencies on all levels in the United States and abroad have been updating their computers to avoid such communication failures.

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By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Illinois Warriors gained some payback vs. Edwardsville two weeks ago with a 6-3 victory at home.

But last year's season-ending loss to the Tigers in the first round of the Mississippi Valley Club Hockey Association playoffs was potent enough to deserve further vengeance.

The Warriors got that

Thursday night at East Alton Ice

Rink.

With 41 seconds to play in

regulation following a timeout,

Warriors senior Dustin Wesley

carried the puck down the right

side and fed junior Brett

Sollberger open in front of the

Edwardsville net. Sollberger

redirected the feed past Tigers keeper Pat Conover and the Warriors held on for a 5-4 victory.

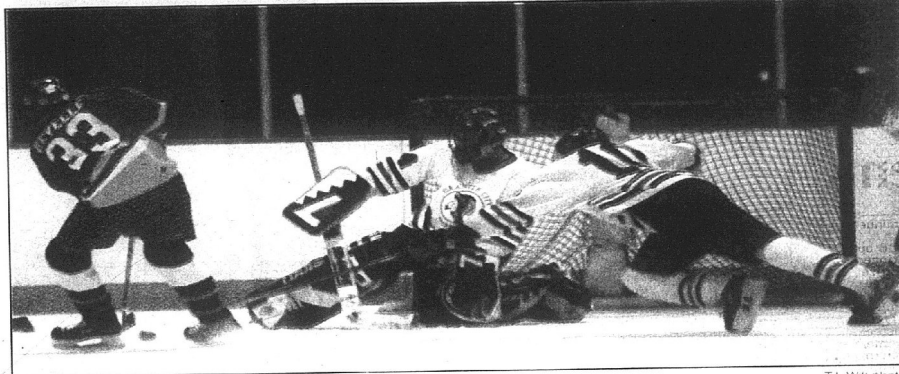
"When we got the timeout we drew a set play, and it worked picture perfect," Warriors coach Paul Sollberger said. "We got the puck down in their end, spread them out and scored."

The Warriors used a strong first period to jump out to a 2-0 lead. Holmy Meszaros scored on a backhand from the side of the net six minutes in for the game's first goal.

On the second, Wesley's efforts to keep the puck in the Tigers zone paid off. On the fifth such attempt Wesley got the puck behind the net and found Luke Forrester in front.

"Dustin Wesley did a real nice job," Sollberger said. "He

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Granite City's Dustin Wesley (10) pokes the puck away from an opponent. Wesley set up the winning goal Thursday vs. Edwardsville. T.L. Witt photo

GCHS freshmen capture first place in tournament

Varsity coach impressed with instruction at lower levels

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

Last Saturday the Granite City wrestlers captured first-place honors at the Granite City Freshman Tournament.

The title came despite the fact that the host only entered nine grapplers.

"Our varsity team is so young that we start three or four freshmen on varsity every night," Granite City varsity coach Allen Kirgan said. "I guess our motto is quality over quantity."

The Warrior freshmen lost only two matches and all nine wrestlers placed. There were six champions, two second-place winners and one third-place winner. Individual champions were: Tony Hartline, Nathan Rushing, Chris Wallace, Nick Bohmer, Pat Fiegenbutz, and Larry Meyers. Runner-ups were Sal Woods and Ed Ray. Third place went to Donnie Catly.

The freshmen are coached by Kevin Wilson, who coached at Grigsby last year.

"All the freshmen know him very well," Kirgan said. "Kevin is a very positive person, which is a great quality for working with the younger athletes."

During the tournament, Coolidge coach Scott Simon ran the head table and Grigsby's Rick

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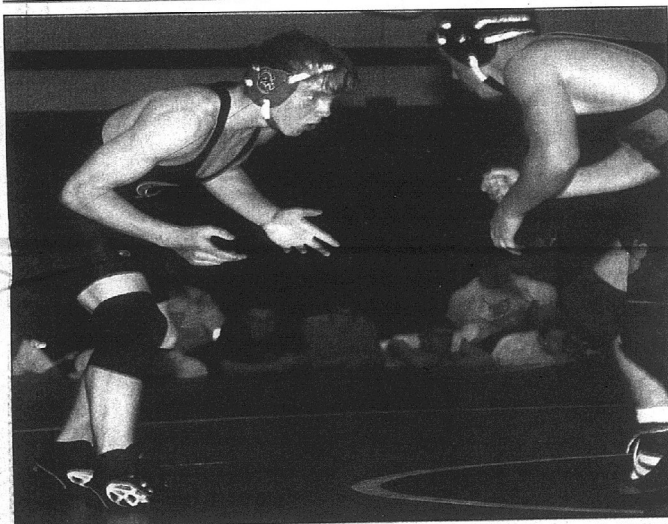
Allen Kirgan
Granite City coach

Wickham helped coach the kids on the mat.

"The kids like showing off for their old coaches," Kirgan said. "The lower-level coaches love to see their hard work paying off at the next level."

"I believe we have an all-inclusive program at Granite City. The program encompasses the athlete from five years old through his senior year in high school."

"The club coach who started teaching fundamentals to the 6- or 7-year-old is just as important as the high-school coaches who are reaping the benefits. If this freshman group is any indication of things to come, we are really in store for a lot of great benefits."



Sound instruction in Granite City has allowed several young athletes, such as freshman Brian Beyrau (left), to skip the lower levels and make an immediate contribution at the varsity level. T.L. Witt photo

Belleville East, Gibault record victories in Shootout

Lancers overcome poor 2nd quarter to win by 20 against McCluer High

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

In some basketball games, one bad quarter - like Belleville East had in the second quarter - can spell disaster for a team.

But the Lancers were so good in the other three stanzas during the Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout showdown with Florissant (Mo.) McCluer High School that they still won with ease.

Belleville East, despite being outscored 15-5 in the second frame, rolled to a 64-44 victory against the Comets in its second appearance at the annual event.

"I think we played pretty well for three quarters," Lancers coach Doug McCrary said. "We had kind of an iffy second quarter, where we didn't get things done and we stood around."

But the kids responded pretty well in the second half. We limited their outside shooting, challenged their shooters and did a better job of rebounding. The kids are stepped up their game

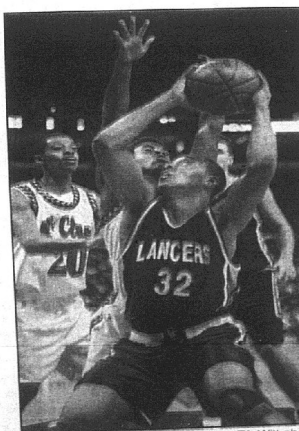


very well. Senior center Mike Bujnak and senior guard Stetson Hairston scored 14 and 13 points, respectively, to lead East. But four other Lancers scored at least seven points.

"I was worried about their quickness, but playing on this size surface kind of evened that out," McCrary said. "At times, we did fall prey to it. I didn't know how deep they were as far as running the ball up and down the floor. We usually go eight deep."

East (5-1) played its fifth game this season against a Missouri school and recorded its fourth victory.

"We enjoy playing the Missouri teams right now," McCrary said, smiling. "The



Belleville East junior Kris Crosby scored nine points Thursday against McCluer. T.L. Witt photo

Mueth's four-point play lifts Hawks past Borgia

By Garen Vartanian
Staff writer

Four-point plays in basketball are rare. When one occurs, it typically causes a significant shift in momentum.

For the Gibault boys basketball team, a four-point play had an even more profound result: a 51-48 victory against Washington (Mo.) St. Francis Borgia at the 19th annual Coca-Cola/KMOX Shootout at Kiel Center on Thursday.

Trailing 48-47 with less than one minute remaining, Gibault's Josh Mueth was fouled in the process of nailing a 3-pointer.

Mueth, who finished with 14 points, made the subsequent free throw to complete the four-point play and put GHS ahead 51-48.

The Hawks then withstood a last second 3-point attempt by Borgia center Josh Warren to prevail and notch their second-ever shootout triumph.

"It was a big shot," Mueth said. "It was a wide open shot. Anybody, I guess, could have hit it."

GHS actually had several key performers, including Brett Grohmann, who buried two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to help the Hawks (5-1) erase a 45-37 Borgia lead.

Center Dan Heimos, meanwhile, limited Warren, a Southern Illinois University Carbondale recruit, to zero points in the

second half while also recording a team-best 16 points.

John Buchmiller, meanwhile, chipped in with 15 points.

"I thought the reason we won is we made some big plays down the stretch," Hawks coach Dennis Rueter said. "Josh hit some big shots. These guys got some baskets when we needed to get them."

Despite the outcome, Borgia coach David Neier was pleased with his team's effort. He simply credited Gibault for making the critical plays down the stretch.

"I thought it was a great high school ballgame," Neier said. "I think we had two good teams out there that played very hard the whole game. I think our kids and their kids put their whole heart in the game."

Up 25-17 at halftime, the Knights (5-2) extended their margin to 40-31 late in the third period on a Gary Tod trey.

Borgia later led 45-37 with 4:41 remaining in the game before consecutive Grohmann bombs cut the deficit to 45-43. Buchmiller's rebound basket, which was set up by a Chad Friederich steal, tied the game at 45-45 with 3:12 remaining.

Two free throws from Mueth put GHS ahead 47-45 with 2:45 left. Brett Kelley's 3-pointer with 1:15 remaining gave Borgia its final lead. Mueth followed with his heroics, 25 seconds later.

Warren led Borgia with 14 points.

Gibault plays again at 8 p.m. on Dec. 21 at home against Wesclin.

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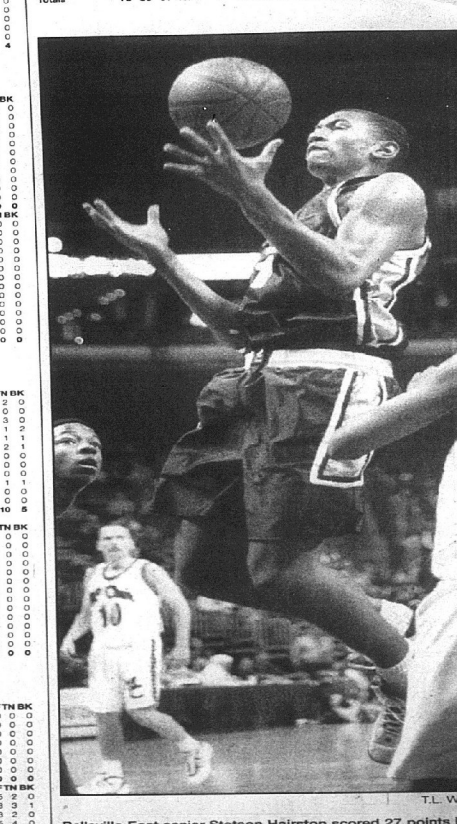
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Sports

Warriors bury Alton 55-39

Granite City wins SWC contest with defense, big 2nd half

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

On Thursday night, Granite City's young team came of age during a 55-39 defeat of Alton in

Granite City. The Warriors stilled their shaking hands and took deep breaths before burying the Redbirds in the second half. In the first half we had wide-open passes, and we threw the ball away," Granite City coach John Moad said. "In the second half we cut down on the mistakes and pulled away."

The Warriors knew what to expect going in. "Any game against Alton is full of bumping and scratching and falling down," Moad said. "They look to clog the middle. In the first half we did get caught up in that. Once we got to the second half we talked about spreading it out."

"Our defense gave them trouble. They didn't have many wide open looks at the basket. We switched up between a man-to-man and a 1-3-1 zone. We made very few mistakes defensively, with the exception of boxing out. Rebounding is tough for us because we aren't very big, and we are still struggling with that a little bit."

Jessica Wallace led the Warriors with 15 points, nine of

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John Moad
Granite City coach

them coming from the free-throw line. Christina Withers scored eight points, and Sarah Luehmann pulled down seven rebounds.

"Sarah Luehmann played another strong game," Moad said. "She is doing everything right and is just having a hard time finishing her shots. Once she starts finishing she will be a force. She already is a force on the boards and on positioning."

Sophomore guard Erin Tyler scored eight points and handed out four assists. "Erin and Kelly (Mitchell) are starting to handle the ball better," Moad said. "They are making fewer mistakes and playing better. They are under more control."

The Warriors led by just one at halftime before breaking it open in the second half. The steadily increasing lead was a far cry from the team-wide fold the Warriors pulled against Alton earlier this season. In that game, Granite blew a 12-point fourth-quarter lead and lost by two.

"In the fourth quarter of the first game we broke under their pressure," Moad said. "We handled it much better this time. We needed the game desperately."

With the victory, the Warriors raised their season record to 3-7. They are off until Monday, when they travel to Jerseyville to take on the Panthers, who knocked Granite out of the playoffs in the first round of the IHSAA Class AA regionals last year.

"We were the No. 9 seed, and they were No. 4, so we had to go up there and play them in Jerseyville," Moad said. "They always have good outside shooting. They are quick and press you all over the court. We have to be ready for their pressure, but it shouldn't be any worse than we saw from Edwardsville and Belleville East. Hopefully we learned a lot from those two teams."

Collinsville wins

The Warriors' victory for the Collinsville Kahoks girls basketball team to get back on track. After having its seven-game

winning streak snapped Monday evening at the Webster Groves (Mo.) Nerinx Hall tournament, the girls rebounded nicely with a 60-30 non-conference road victory at Trenton Westlin. The girls returned to the Nerinx Hall tournament to play in the consolation semifinals Friday afternoon vs. Principia.

"We got to play a lot of people and we are starting to get back on track," Collinsville coach Steve McFall said after the victory Wednesday night against Westlin. "We used the game to work on our execution. I think we were more intense but I don't think we were as intense as we were at the Taylorville Tournament. I think we're improving. I think we have some work to do."

The victory over Westlin moved the girls to 8-1 on the season. "We were a little off of our game," Collinsville coach Bill Puhse said. "Our high series was a 7-8. Our average so far this season is over 800, so we should have had at least that every game. But they are a strong team."

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Alton pins 1st loss on boys

Granite City girls sweep past Collinsville, Alton, Edwardsville

By Rick Broome
Staff writer

The Granite City boys dropped their first match of the season Wednesday, less than a week after the girls had done the same.

"The boys and girls both beat Collinsville on Tuesday night. But while the girls had no trouble with Alton, the boys dropped their match to the Redbirds 25-11 to fall to 4-1." "We were a little off of our game," Granite City bowling coach Bill Puhse said. "Our high series was a 7-8. Our average so far this season is over 800, so we should have had at least that every game. But they are a strong team."

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"Alton was bowling well, and the pins were falling their way. Every time we threw a bad shot, we paid with a split or something. It seemed like they got away with their bad shots."

"It was a valuable lesson for the boys to learn. Any team can beat you on any given day. If you bowl well, you can beat anybody. We have to take every team seriously."

Granite took Edwardsville seriously the next night and smashed the Tigers 31-5 at Bowland.

"Edwardsville is kind of struggling right now," Puhse said. "They lost some of their key boys bowlers to graduation. They lost some of their girls too, so they are kind of down this year. It is rough on them."

After their first loss of the season to O'Fallon last week, the ladies responded with a 31-5 scaping of Collinsville on Tuesday. Granite got the ball rolling with an 8-6 in the first game.

"They started off strong

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right after a loss," Puhse said. "That showed quite a lot of character. But after that strong start the same old things started happening again. We had trouble converting our spares, things like that. We definitely have to work on our consistency. We have a strong team and we can put up high numbers on a consistent basis. If we don't it will eventually make it hard for us to win."

The girls beat Alton Wednesday and Edwardsville Thursday. For the week, Granite surrendered just 12 total points.

"The girls were real strong this week," Puhse said. "Even when one bowler was down it seemed like someone else was there to pick them up. We have to have the whole team ready to step up."

"We are getting used to bowling together as a team and working together to put up some good numbers. Shelly Pulaski is picking up steam. She had a 289 Wednesday against Alton and started off with a 247 and a 203 against Edwardsville on Thursday."

Ashley (Reynolds) bowled a 681 series (247-220-214) against Collinsville. Shelly couldn't be there that night so Ashley was an even bigger part of our nucleus, and she came through with a big series. She bowled three real strong games."

"The girls bowled 779 in the second game against Collinsville. That is a score that would be competitive against most guys teams."

The Warriors face Collinsville Tuesday and Belleville East Thursday with both matches at Bowland in Granite.

Lancers overcome poor 2nd quarter

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Illinois team we've played so far was O'Fallon (a 49-46 win on Tuesday) and we didn't play very well. Against the Missouri teams, we have played well."

The Lancers played a nearly flawless first quarter, taking a 12-5 lead on a basket by Kris Crosby. A 3-pointer by Jeff Crook and another trey at the buzzer boosted East's lead to 18-5 after eight minutes.

McCluer started hitting its shots in the second quarter. Senior Mike Nelke capped a 10-3 run for the Comets, tying the game at 21-21 on a 3-point shot with 1:21 to play. "We were a little tight early on, but we had a couple steals and rattled them a little bit," said McCluer coach Kurt Jacob. "We got a couple easy baskets and basically got back into it."

But Hairston, who signed last month with Southern Illinois University-Carbondale,

gave the Lancers the halftime lead, hitting an off-balance shot at the buzzer from just inside the 3-point line. Teammate Ryan Coates assisted on the play.

"That was a big shot because we were in a little slump and scored only five points in the second quarter," McCarthy said. "Ryan Coates got the quick steal and had enough presence of mind to look up the floor and get it to the right person. That hurt them a little because they were scratching and clawing to get back in the game."

The momentum switched back to the Lancers in the third quarter. Consecutive baskets by Bujnak, Hairston and Mark Mueller boosted East's four-point lead to 35-25.

"I don't know if we were tired or flat, but the first three minutes of the second half really hurt us," said Jacob, whose team didn't get closer than seven points the rest of the game. "We never got on track."

A basket by Crosby early in the fourth quarter put East ahead 44-31. The Lancers had their biggest lead of the game, 60-39, on a 3-pointer by Jeff Crook with 1:27 to play.

"We're the type of team that lives off our defense, aggressiveness and outside shooting," Jacob said. "When we're not hitting the three's, we're basically going to struggle."

"I give Belleville East a lot of credit. They're an awfully good squad and they played good defense."

Nelke and fellow senior Terry Edwards led McCluer with nine points each. The Comets shot just percent (16 of 54) from the field compared to 46 percent (28 of 61) for East.

"I saw them at the Pattonville Tournament and I knew they were not very big, but they jump well," McCarthy said of the Comets. "We had the size and strength (advantage) on them. We're a pretty physical team."

Warriors prey on Edwardsville again

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was aggressive and he was cutting off the passing lanes. "We were containing them. They looked like they came out with a 2-1-2, trying to put two guys behind our defense. We countered it with a 1-2-2 trap. That kind of game is going to be boring and have a lot of neutral-zone play. We weren't as sharp as I like to see us in the neutral zone, but we came up big."

But the Warriors took a temporary back seat in the second period, as Matt McGinnis and Jason Walker scored for Edwardsville to tie the game at 22-22.

"The second period I thought we were lackadaisical," Solberger said. "We came out, we had a good first period and took control 2-0. Then we lost the second period 0-2 and lost all the ground we had gained. Edwardsville came out and started carrying the play, and then eventually, we countered. We just moved the puck through out the neutral zone, made some key passes and got some good scoring opportunities."

McGinnis struck again 40 seconds into the third period, but Warriors senior John Stordahl answered on the rebound of a shot by Wesley with the Warriors enjoying a two-man advantage. "The one thing that turned it around was our power play," Solberger said. "We got down, they took a couple of penalties, and we came right back to put

ourselves in a tie."

Meszaros was whistled for high-sticking at 7:22 and the Tigers took just 20 seconds to go ahead 4-3. Mike Marietta was the beneficiary of a bounce off the glass that turned a routine clearing pass into disaster.

But the Warriors turned it around 29 seconds later when Meszaros made up for his penalty, feeding Stordahl for the equalizer.

The final two minutes, both before and after Solberger's heroics, were fast and furious, and dominated by the youngest Warrior.

"We had to put in an eighth-grade goalie, Steve Nikonovich," Solberger said. "He stood in there and for his first time ever playing varsity he did a really

good job. He made some key saves and the team seemed to rally around him. He did a nice job."

The Warriors top line again led the way. "We finally had a chance to put that line of Bobby, Brett and John together again," Solberger said. "John had two and Bobby and Brett each had one. While it was a well-balanced effort, we do go to that line and rely on them."

The loss dropped Edwardsville to 0-4-1 on the season. The Warriors rose to 6-2-0 after dropping a 5-0 decision to Bethalto Sunday night. They face Cahokia Wednesday at home.

"I know they are a physical team," Solberger said. "I know they always play tough and give us a hard time."

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| Nov. 18 | 7:30 | EA | Edwardsville | Bethalto | Dec. 12 | 6:45 | PH | Marquette | Belleville East |
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| Nov. 20 | 5:15 | CA | Channahon | Belleville West | Dec. 13 | 6:45 | PH | Marquette | Belleville East |
| Nov. 20 | 6:00 | PH | Freeburg | Waterloo | Dec. 14 | 6:45 | PH | Marquette | Belleville East |
| Nov. 21 | 5:45 | PH | Belleville East | Trist | Dec. 15 | 8:15 | GC | Granite City | Southwestern |
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| Nov. 23 | 6:45 | PH | Belleville West | O'Fallon | Dec. 18 | 5:30 | EA | Marquette | Edwardsville |
| Nov. 24 | 5:45 | EA | Southwestern | Highland | Dec. 19 | 5:15 | CA | Channahon | Belleville East |
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| Nov. 27 | 4:30 | PH | Collinsville | Waterloo | Dec. 19 | 7:30 | EA | Alton | Highland |
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(All times are p.m. unless otherwise noted. PH: Fairview Heights, EA: East Alton, GC: Granite City, CA: Cahokia)

Bowling results

| CAMELOT BOWL Youth Bowling Week of Nov. 11 Friday A | | | | Boys High Games | | | |
|--|-----|-------------------|-----|------------------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Bobby Norky | 523 | Boys High Series | 208 | Stacey Banks | 374 | Girls High Series | 134 |
| Tom Elbert | 400 | Boys High Games | 163 | Andrea Ostendorf | 356 | Girls High Games | 131 |
| Bobby Norky | 208 | Boys High Games | 163 | Andrea Ostendorf | 134 | Girls High Games | 131 |
| Tom Elbert | 163 | Boys High Games | 163 | Stacey Banks | 131 | Girls High Games | 131 |
| Friday B | | | | Friday C | | | |
| Alex Niemczek | 240 | Boys High Series | 182 | Shannon Stough | 268 | Girls High Series | 153 |
| V.J. Furraro | 182 | Boys High Games | 121 | Meghan Helm | 240 | Girls High Games | 120 |
| Alex Niemczek | 121 | Boys High Games | 112 | Shannon Stough | 153 | Girls High Games | 120 |
| Jack McCoy | 112 | Boys High Games | 112 | Meghan Helm | 120 | Girls High Games | 120 |
| Sarah Niemczek | 217 | Girls High Series | 210 | High School | | | |
| Erin Dickey | 210 | Girls High Games | 115 | Boys High Series | | | |
| Sarah Niemczek | 115 | Girls High Games | 114 | Doug Ridgeway | 574 | Boys High Games | 227 |
| Sammie Hartman | 114 | Girls High Games | 114 | Aaron Dellamano | 566 | Boys High Games | 227 |
| Juniors | | | | Boys High Games | | | |
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Senior menus

Senior Service Plus
Granite City Township Hall
2060 Delmar Ave.
Granite City

MONDAY, Dec. 13
Swiss steak, parsley potatoes, spinach, wheat bread, sliced pears

TUESDAY, Dec. 14
Fried chicken, au gratin potatoes, seasoned green beans, bun, tapioca pudding

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15
Pork chop/gravy, broccoli/rice casserole, bread, sliced peaches

THURSDAY, Dec. 16
Christmas Dinner: Ham stead with pineapple glaze, sweet potatoes, Capri blend vegetables, marble bread, spumoni cake

FRIDAY, Dec. 17
Country fried steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, zucchini and tomatoes, wheat bread, fresh orange

Diet Menu

MONDAY, Dec. 13
Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, spinach, wheat bread, pears

TUESDAY, Dec. 14
Baked chicken, parsley potatoes, seasoned green beans, wheat bread, fruit cocktail

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15
Pork, steamed rice, broccoli, wheat bread, sliced peaches

THURSDAY, Dec. 16
Christmas Dinner: Baked turkey with gravy, baked sweet potato, Capri blend vegetables, marble bread, cheesecake

FRIDAY, Dec. 17
Beef patty, mashed potatoes, zucchini/tomatoes, bread, orange

Activities

MONDAY, Dec. 13
Bridge Club from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, Dec. 14
Line dancing from 9 to 11 a.m., Pinochle from 1 to 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 16
Line dancing from 9 to 11 a.m., Tap dancing from 9 a.m. to noon; Club bingo from 1 to 3 p.m. and Thursday club from 1 to 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, Dec. 17
Bingo from 12:30 to 2:15 p.m.

Reservations should be made one day in advance. Make reservations by calling 877-4373. Seniors 60 and over are always welcome. Full cost of the meal is \$4; suggested donation for seniors is \$2 per meal. Seniors should give what they can afford. All contributions are appreciated.

Organizations

Weekly

SLAPPERS COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE CLUB meets from 7 to 11 p.m. Tuesday at the Polish Hall, 825 Greenwood, Madison. For more information on lessons, call 867-7123.

GATEWAY SOUNDS CHAPTER of Sweet Adelines meets for rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Collinsville Senior Citizens Center, 420 E. Main, Collinsville. Women who enjoy singing four-part harmony barbershop style are welcome to audition. For more information, call 345-4605, 345-1666 or 398-8853.

GRANITE CITY TOWNSHIP HALL NUTRITION SITE, 2060 Delmar, serves meals daily at 11:50 a.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations should be made a day in advance by calling 877-4373. Donations are accepted.

SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION

Milestones

Dec. 12

Birthdays:

Leasha Cox turns 28

Anniversaries:

Marvin and Darnelle Kessler

Dec. 13

Birthdays:

George Kamacho turns 30

Carrie Royner turns 89

Polly Miles turns 69

Lauren Stuart turns 12

Melinda Pinnon

Dec. 14

Birthdays:

Holly Wright turns 15

Julie Nicol turns 36

Jessie Danahue

Rachelle Wallace

Dec. 15

Birthdays:

Janet Wells

Anniversaries:

Doris and Gail Johnson, 58 years

Dec. 17

Birthdays:

Denise Cook turns 38

Chelsea Bridge turns 8

Ouag Parks turns 29

Dec. 18

Birthdays:

Nicole Bailey turns 21

Anniversaries:

George and Edna Woods

To submit an item to Milestones or delete an entry, send a postcard to "Milestones," Granite City Journal, 219 N. Illinois, Belleville 62220.

Please notify the paper if a person listed in Milestones has died or no longer wishes to be listed.

BARBER SHOP QUARTET SINGING IN AMERICA INC., Collinsville chapter, meets at 8 p.m. Monday at American Legion Post 365, 1022 Vandalla St.

TOPS 1699 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 8:45 p.m. Tuesday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St. Call 797-2724 for more information.

TOPS IL 2417 meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Calvary Lighthouse Church of God, 1205 W. Ponton Road, Weigh-in is at 5:30 p.m. Anyone age 7 or above with a weight problem is welcome. For more information, call Ann at 452-6102.

TOPS 2048 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets at 8 p.m. Monday

at the 2nd Baptist Church, 2100 Illinois Ave., Granite City. Call 876-2124 for information.

TOPS IL 645 meets at 7 p.m. Monday at the Anchorage Recreation Center, 2909 Edwards St., Granite City. Call Mary Ann at 797-2146 for more information.

Bi-monthly

COLLINSVILLE AREA CAMERA CLUB meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Collinsville Area Recreation District office, 10 Gateway Drive, Eastport Plaza, Collinsville. For more information, call Doris Pearson at 345-4106.

EAGLES AUXILIARY 1128 meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Eagles Home, 2558 Madison Ave., Granite

City. For more information, call Nina Jackson at 877-9808.

Monthly

BAND PARENTS ASSOCIATION OF GRANITE CITY HIGH SCHOOL meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday at 3101 Madison Ave. Call 451-5808 for more information.

BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS, Granite City Lodge 1063, Maryville Road, Granite City, meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday. Call 931-3557 for more information.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, 3RD DEGREE, meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at 4225 Old Alton Road. For more information, call 877-4250.

Miscellaneous

THE MIDWESTERN UNITED STATES IMPERIAL DANCE CLUB has regular dance meetings twice each month starting at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Collinsville. The public is invited for dance lessons and open dancing at a cost of \$4 for non-members and \$2 for members. For more information, call 463-2405.

THE SINGLES CONNECTION has scheduled the following activities: **Monday** - Tony's Restaurant, in Alton. Meet there at 6:30 p.m. Check out the great Italian cuisine. For more information, call Lee at 656-0323. **Tuesday** - Wallyball at Edwardsville YMCA at 7 p.m.

School menus

Granite City School District 9

MONDAY, Dec. 13
Breakfast: Sausage patty, biscuit and jelly, cinnamon applesauce, milk; Lunch: Pizza, tossed salad with lite dressing, mixed fruit, milk

TUESDAY, Dec. 14
Breakfast: Cereal, toast and jelly, banana, milk; Lunch: BBQ rib on deli bun, green beans, pear halves, milk

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15
Breakfast: Pop Tarts (2), apricots, milk; Lunch: Baked turkey with dressing, mashed potatoes, corn, dinner roll, peach cobbler, milk

THURSDAY, Dec. 16
Breakfast: Cinnamon pastries, mixed fruit, milk; Lunch: Cheeseburger on bun with sliced pickles, baked beans, apple wedges, milk

FRIDAY, Dec. 17
Breakfast: Breakfast pizza, orange wedges, milk; Lunch: Grilled

St. Elizabeth School

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MONDAY, Dec. 13
Hot dog on bun, potato wedges, baked beans, banana

TUESDAY, Dec. 14
Chicken and gravy over noodles, green beans, bread slice, cherry crisp

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15
Peanut butter sandwich, celery sticks, peaches

THURSDAY, Dec. 16
Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, carrots, mixed fruit

FRIDAY, Dec. 17
Fish on bun, later tots, corn, apple sauce

Madison School District 12

MONDAY, Dec. 13
Breakfast: Cereal with toast, juice and choice of milk; Lunch: Sausage and shells or chili dog on bun, peas, apricots, bread, choice of milk

TUESDAY, Dec. 14
Breakfast: Breakfast pocket, juice and choice of milk; Lunch: Cheeseburger on bun or sausage pizza, corn, peaches, choice of milk

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15
Breakfast: Danish, juice and choice of milk; Lunch: Hot dog on bun or sloppy joe on bun, baked beans, applesauce, choice of milk

THURSDAY, Dec. 16
Breakfast: Pop Tarts, juice and choice of milk; Lunch: Turkey and dressing or nacho cheese sauce and tortilla chips, whipped potatoes, green beans, choice of milk

FRIDAY, Dec. 17
Breakfast: Biscuit and gravy, juice and choice of milk; Lunch: Pizza stick or bologna sandwich, tossed salad with dressing, pineapple chunks, choice of milk

Holy Family School

Milk served with all meals

MONDAY, Dec. 13
Hamburger on bun, French fries, carrots, mixed fruit

TUESDAY, Dec. 14
Tacos with meat, cheese, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, bread, strawberries and cream

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 15
Meat and gravy over rice or potatoes, green beans, bread, spice cake

THURSDAY, Dec. 16
Chili or chili mac, grated cheese, carrot and celery sticks, crackers, Jell-O with fruit

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Horoscopes

SUNDAY, Dec. 12, 1999
You could be more strongly motivated than usual in the year ahead for finding ways to enhance your material security. You might surprise yourself as to just how bold you can get.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Be conscious at all times of the difference between assertiveness and aggressiveness, because in order to make your views known today, you may have to take a strong position. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send

the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing \$2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your Zodiac sign.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Something you've been wanting to change, but haven't been able to, might get a little help from another party today. This person will be an ally responsive to your needs.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Should you get involved in

a partnership arrangement today, you'd function best as the back-up rather than the front guy or gal. Let your counterpart initiate the action.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Don't be afraid to sweeten the pot a little if there is something you really want to attain today. You could save yourself a lot of time and aggravation.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Once again today you can effectively deal with whatever arises, no matter how challenging or intimidating they might appear to others. Your secret is that you believe in

yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Success and victory are achieved through consistency and continuity today, giving you the edge over your competitors. This is part of your basic nature to begin with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Try not to get involved with inactive types of people today, because they'll make you feel extremely edgy. Lively companions offer the stimulus you need at this time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Where you see possibilities for

personal gain, you could become rather bold today. Although it's good to be enterprising, don't take risks where the odds aren't in your favor.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Should it become necessary for you to take a firm stance today in an involvement that could jeopardize your self-interests, do so. If you don't defend your position, who will?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You could possess exceptional investigative faculties today, but don't waste them. Put them to good use on projects

or endeavors that require research or fact finding.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Someone you recently met has the potential of becoming a rather promising relationship. Take the initiative today for making arrangements to get together with this person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Focus all your attention and ambition on meaningful goals today, because there is little doubt that you will get what you go after, so long as you are strongly motivated.

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Movie listings

Film timetable for Sunday, Dec. 12. For times on other days or to confirm these times, check local theaters.

CARMIKE PETITE

1-70 and Hwy. 157,
Collinsville, Ill. 344-1708
Toy Story 2 (G) 1:15, 3:50,
7:05, 9:35
The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 1:00, 3:45, 7:00, 9:45
Sleepy Hollow (R) 1:05,

3:40, 7:10, 9:25
Pokemon (G) 1:10, 3:35,
7:15, 9:15

EASTGATE CINE

254-5289
The Green Mile (R) 4:20,
8:10
Deuce Bigalow (R) 4:40,
7:15, 9:30
Toy Story 2 (G) 4:10, 6:45,
9:00

Sleepy Hollow (R) 4:50,
7:30, 9:50
End Of Days (R) 4:30, 7:00,
9:40

The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 5:00, 7:45

COTTONWOOD

EDWARDSVILLE CINE
Edwardsville, Ill., 656-6390
Pokemon (G) 6:45, 8:45
Random Hearts (R) 7:00,
9:50
Three To Tango (PG-13)
7:15, 9:30

GALLERIA 6

30 St. Louis Galleria, 721-
8722
Dogma (R) 1:15, 4:30, 7:15,
9:55

Toy Story 2 (G) 12:15, 2:20,
4:40, 7:00, 9:15

Toy Story 2 (G) 1:00, 3:20,
5:40, 8:00, 10:15

Anywhere But Here (PG-13)
1:30, 5:00, 7:35, 10:05

Pokemon (G) 12:45, 3:00,
5:15

American Beauty (R) 7:25,
10:00

The Insider (R) 12:40, 4:00,
7:10, 10:15

HALLS FERRY 14 CINE

2600 Target Drive, 822-
2463

The Green Mile (R) 4:30,
8:00

Deuce Bigalow (R) 5:15,
7:30, 9:30, 11:15

End Of Days (R) 4:25, 7:00,
9:35

Toy Story 2 (G) 4:45, 7:05,
9:25

The Bachelor (PG-13) 4:45,
10:05

Music Of The Heart (PG)
7:15

Sleepy Hollow (R) 4:50,
7:10, 9:30, 11:30

House On Haunted Hill (R)
5:00, 7:00, 9:10, 11:15

The Bone Collector (R)
4:45, 7:20, 9:55

The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 4:35, 7:05, 9:40

Light It Up (R) 5:05, 7:35,
10:00

Sixth Sense (PG-13) 4:55,
7:40, 10:05

The Best Man (R) 4:40,
7:20, 9:50

Pokemon (G) 5:15, 7:30,
9:30

Omega Code (PG-13) 5:30,
7:45, 10:00

LINCOLN THEATER

103 E. Main, Belleville, Ill.,
233-0123

Mystery Men (PG-13) 7:00,
9:25

Arlington Road (R) 7:05,
9:30

Universal Soldier (R) 7:15,
9:05

NAMEOKI CINEMA

30 Nameoki Village, 877-
6630

Toy Story 2 (G) 6:45, 9:15

Sleepy Hollow (R) 7:00,
9:30

O'FALLON 15 CINE

1320 Central Park Dr.,
O'Fallon, Ill., 822-2463

Dogma (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:15,
10:15

The World Is Not Enough
(PG-13) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:15

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2:15, 8:05

The Messenger (R) 5:00

Anywhere But Here (PG-13)
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Bone Collector (R) 1:30,
4:10, 7:15, 10:20

Bone Collector (R) 2:45,
5:15, 7:35, 10:15

The Best Man (R) 2:50,
5:20, 7:50, 10:20

Sixth Sense (R) 1:30, 4:10,
6:40, 9:05

ST. CLAIR 10

50 Ludwig Drive, 822-2463

Pokemon (G) 1:00, 3:15,
5:30, 7:45

Deuce Bigalow (R) 1:25,
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Deuce Bigalow (R) 2:00,
5:00, 8:00, 10:30

End Of Days (R) 1:15, 4:00,
7:15, 10:00

Sleepy Hollow (R) 1:10,
3:30, 6:00, 8:20, 10:40

Sleepy Hollow (R) 2:10,
4:30, 7:00, 9:20

Double Jeopardy (R) 1:20,
4:20, 6:50, 9:20

The Bachelor (PG-13) 1:05,
4:15, 6:40, 9:15

The Omega Code (PG-13)
1:30, 4:10, 6:35, 9:00

SHOWPLACE 12

6633 Center Grove Rd.,
659-7459

Toy Story 2 (G) 4:00, 6:30,
8:50

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Shoppers cautioned to be on guard against criminal activities and scams

By Kara Opdyke
Staff writer

While the holidays can be conducive to acts of kindness and good cheer, it is also a time to be on guard against scams and other criminal activities.

"It's a big concern all year, but it has a tendency to proliferate this time of year," said Police Chief Gene Henckler of Columbia Police Department. "People fill their homes with brand new gift items, usually wrapped around the tree, and a burglar can make quite a haul."

Even those who find creative ways to store their gifts can become victims. A criminal who is determined enough to break into

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Gene Henckler
Police chief of Columbia PD

your home will probably not be deterred from

searching out any hiding places.

"There's no way you can make a home or automobile so secure it can't be broken into, but you can make it secure enough that it'll be difficult enough to break into and they move onto another target," Henckler said.

He said the goal is to make the community secure so the criminal will eventually leave the area altogether. The police chief cautions neighbors to look out for one another by reporting any unusual people or activity to the police department.

Henckler said he would much rather get 100 calls

that do not constitute a problem rather than miss one important call.

Activities to be aware of any time of year include suspicious people ringing doorbells in an effort to find unoccupied homes; if someone answers the door, the burglar will ask for someone with a fake name.

Henckler also advises those planning a vacation to enlist the help of others to make it look as if someone is home. This may include having your neighbor pick up your newspapers and mail.

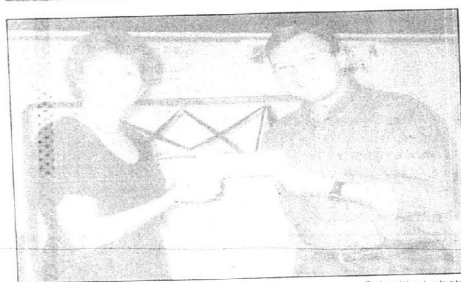
"You always want to be careful," Henckler said. "Too often we get a false feeling of security."

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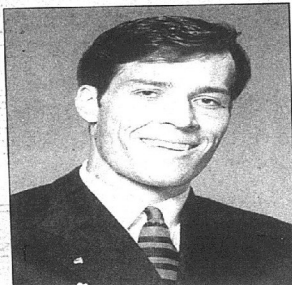
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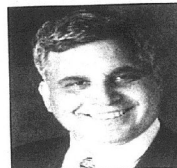
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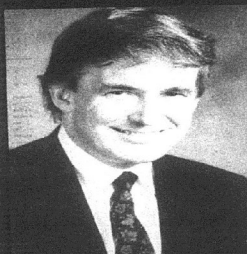
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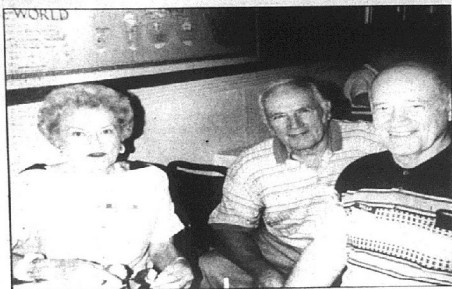
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Pictured, from l-r, Eileen Schuman, Joe Ysenko, Bob Planitz.



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From l-r, Verka Lendner, Charlene Sanders, Daisy Painter, Ollie Derr, Norma Buckheim, Ruth Nicholas, and Chris Warren.



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Pictured, from l-r, Joe Ysenko, Wenfred Beck, Darlene and Melvin Kornbrink.

The former Granite City Engineer Depot had its annual reunion which was sponsored by the Combined Maintenance Division.

Verka Lindner gave the opening prayer and John Roberson led the group in unison for the pledge of allegiance. Ollie Derr served as the emcee for the day.

A buffet lunch was served by Ralph and Charles Restaurant to 55 co-workers. A candlelight ceremony was conducted by Verka Lindner and Norma Buckheim for the deceased members.

After lunch attendance prizes were given to Lee Krpan, Helen Todoroff, Ruth Nicholas, Mike Schieffer and Burt St. Ivany.

Committee members for the reunion were James and JoAnn Delaney, Roberson, Lindner, Buchheim and Derr.

Slater enrolled at Lake Forest

Robyn Slater, daughter of Robert and Barbara Slater, Granite City, has enrolled as a freshman at Lake Forest College. A graduate of Granite City Senior High School, Slater is a member of the second largest class to matriculate in the College's history.

Church women sponsor community day

The Quad City Church Women United sponsored World Community Day at Dewey Avenue United Methodist Church.

After lunch, the celebration continued with the service, "God's Passionate Love, Holy Laughter, Holy Tears." It was written by four women from southern California to invite us to experience God's love that is expressed through laughter and tears and through the joy and pain of our every day living.

Those taking part in the service were Lena Switzer, Ollie Derr, Mary Beckland, JoAnn Hummert, Helen Testerman, Jean Hileman, Mae Lee, Lucille Caban, Doris Votow and Dolores Moseley.

A solo was presented by Eileen Davie, called "Laughter Lends Itself to Praise," and was accompanied by the Rev. Rose Hermonat, who also played music throughout the service. Helen Todoroff and Isla Williams gathered favorite spices from the audience to symbolize the "Spice of Life." A combination of community churches presented their blanket offering. The state organization approved blankets last year to benefit Protestant Welfare (Community Care), Phoenix Crisis Center and Good Samaritan House. These not-for-profit organizations also received canned goods, lavettes, toiletries and soap through the year from the Quad City CWU, collected from the members.

Ollie Derr was the coordinator for this celebration, Jean Hileman, chairman, and Fay Poole took registrations. Ollie Derr, Jean Hileman and Helen Testerman made the arrangements.

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